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SUBJECT: ITALIAN VETERINARY HEADACHES

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1. WE HAVE NOTED REFTEL A AND PARTICULARLY PARA 2
PROPOSING A VISIT TO ITALY BY DR. MULHERN TO DISCUSS A
WIDE RANGE OF VETERINARY PROBLEMS.

2. ALSO WE HAVE NOTED AND STRONGLY SUPPORT BELLANTI'S
CONVICTION (REPORTED IN PARA 1, REFTEL A) THAT THE
"... UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY A MORE DYNAMIC ROLE..."
IN INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY AFFAIRS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING BILATERAL VETERINARY
PROBLEMS NOW PREVAILING BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE US AND
OUR CONVICTION THAT THE EEC WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP
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AND INTEGRATE A STRONG VETERINARY PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR LIVE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS WE STRONGLY FAVOR RENEWED HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN US AND EEC VETERINARY OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH DIALOGUE SHOULD INVOLVE ALL SECTORS OF VETERINARY CONTROLS AND CERTIFICATION WITH THE ULTIMATE LONG- RANGE OBJECTIVE OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS.

4. IN THE EVENT DR. MULHERN OR OTHER HIGH- LEVEL APHIS OFFICIALS SHOULD PLAN TO VISIT ITALY OR OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE, WE RECOMMEND (AS INDICATED IN PARA 4,UTURE MEDIUM SAM BEFORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION CAN BE STARTED;

(B) PLANNING FOR PROVIDING A NEW SAM MUST BE CONDUCTED ON A MULTI- NATIONAL BASIS.

(2) AIR- TO- AIR MISSILES:

(A) IN LIGHT OF FINDINGS OF THE STUDY; DEFENSE MINISTERS SHOULD DIRECT THEIR STAFFS TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED REVIEWS OF THE MISSILE PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY CITED IN THE REPORT WITH A VIEW TOWARD CANCELLING OR REORIENTING THEM AS RECOMMENDED.

(B) DEFENSE MINISTERS SHOULD DIRECT THEIR STAFFS TO CONDUCT AIR- TO- AIR MISSILE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIVE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT.

(3) THE REPORTS BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH NAD' S ON SURFACE- TO- SURFACE MISSILES AND ANTI- ARMOUR WEAPONS, RESPECTIVELY, CAN BE REPORTED AS HAVING PRODUCED PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS NOT REQUIRING MINISTERIAL ATTENTION AT THIS TIME.

B. THE REPORT OF NEW SPECIAL STUDIES SHOULD IDENTIFY FIVE NEW TOPICS WHICH ARE BEING ADDRESSED BY THE NAD' S OF SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH POLITICAL SUPPORT MAY BE NEEDED TO LAUNCH EFFECTIVE COOPERATION.

C. THE REPORT NEED NOT INCLUDE THE SEPARATE LIST OF PRIORITY TOPICS IDENTIFIED BY THE ARMAMENTS GROUPS BECAUSE THE CNAD HAS NOT YET IDENTIFIED THESE AS PROBLEMS REQUIRING MINISTERIAL ATTENTION.
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